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Applicants : Marc Feldmann and Ravinder N. Maini
Serial No. : 09/754,004 Examiner: P. Gambel
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For : TNF α ANTAGONISTS AND METHOTREXATE IN THE
TREATMENT OF TNF-MEDIATED DISEASE

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action issued on March 11, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 11, 2005 Office Action was originally due on June 11, 2005. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the March 11, 2005 Office Action. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is ONE THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$1020.00). Authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. With the three-month extension, a response to the March 11, 2005 Office Action is due September 11, 2005. However, since September 11, 2005 is a Sunday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, September 12, 2005 is to be considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a continuation application.

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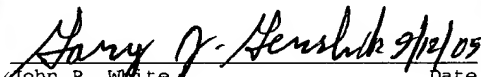
No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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